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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 797

Introduced by Assembly Member Ma

February 26, 2009

An act to add Section 5114 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to accountants.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 797, as amended, Ma. Accountants: discipline: Internet posting. Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of accountants by the California Board of Accountancy, which is established in the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law authorizes the board to take disciplinary action against certified public accountants and public accountants, accountancy partnerships, and accountancy corporations on specified grounds.

This bill would require the board to post on its Internet Web site, for a period of at least 10 years, the text of decisions issued by the board imposing discipline on those accountants, partnerships, and corporations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 5114 is added to the Business and
- 2 Professions Code, to read:

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5114. The board shall post on its Internet Web site the text of decisions issued by the board imposing discipline pursuant to this article on a certified public accountant or public accountant, or an accountancy partnership or accountancy corporation. This information shall be accessible by the name of the accountant, partnership, or corporation that is the subject of the decision and shall be posted for a period of *at least* 10 years from the date the decision was issued.